

# Massachusetts Cultural Resource Information System

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<b>Inventory No:</b>	EAS.40
<b>Historic Name:</b>	Horton, Cushing House
<b>Common Name:</b>	
<b>Address:</b>	4885 State Hwy
<b>City/Town:</b>	Eastham
<b>Village/Neighborhood:</b>	North Eastham
<b>Local No:</b>	05-160
<b>Year Constructed:</b>	c 1750
<b>Architect(s):</b>	
<b>Architectural Style(s):</b>	No style
<b>Use(s):</b>	Agricultural; Hotel or Inn; Single Family Dwelling House
<b>Significance:</b>	Agriculture; Architecture
<b>Area(s):</b>	
<b>Designation(s):</b>	
<b>Building Materials(s):</b>	Roof: Asphalt Shingle Wall: Wood Shingle; Wood Foundation: Stone, Cut; Concrete Cinderblock



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## FORM B - BUILDING

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Area(s)

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Town

Eastham

Place (neighborhood or village)

Address

4885 State Highway

Historic Name

Uses: Present

Commercial/Inn

Original

Residential

Date of Construction

Mid 18th Century

Source

See Bibliography\*

Style/Form

Side-gable, Center-entry  
Vernacular

Architect/Builder

Exterior Material:

Foundation

Brick

Wall/Trim

Shingles

Roof

Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures

Numerous additions and a Modern Garage.

Major Alterations (with dates)

See Architectural Description.

Condition

Good

Moved ☒ no ☐ yes Date

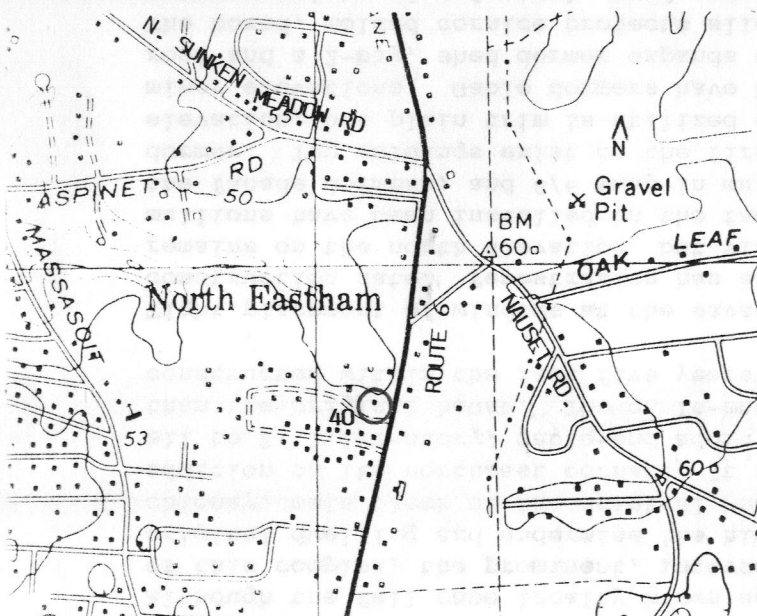
Acreage

1.1 Acres

Setting Located in a densely-settled,  
 mixed-use section of Route 6, the major,  
 Cape Cod, inter-community thoroughfare,  
 the former county road and a continuation  
 of the original Old King's Highway.



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## BUILDING FORM

4885 State Highway

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION      See continuation sheet.

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

Although the full cape locally known as the "Horton Homestead" remains a part of this complex, the prominent, interconnected additions overwhelm the original dwelling and undermine its historic setting. The 5 x 3 bay, center-chimney, main block of the original house has a small, 1-story, gable-roofed addition on its northeast corner. It is attached by a 1-story, gable-roofed ell to 2, 1 1/2-story, gable-end additions each of which appears to be larger than the original house. The gable-end addition immediately to the south was constructed within the last five years.

Tight placement of windows at the eaves suggests a pre-Greek Revival construction date. Fenestration has also been altered: 9/6, double-hung sash remains on the north elevation, but vinyl-clad windows with "12/12" snap-in mullions have been installed on the facade; 6/2, double-hung sash exists in the facade dormers; and 6/6 snap-in mullion windows are used on the rear dormer. Top moldings exist on the first floor of the facade and on north elevation, but plain trim is utilized on the second level and other minor elevations. Gable dormers have been added to the facade slope of the roof and a 2-bay, shed dormer expands the second story to the rear. The boxed, molded cornice projects slightly above a narrow frieze. The main entry consists of a 6-panel, wood, replacement door with top lights in a simple surround of plain trim.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE   X   See continuation sheet.

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

Several people including owners have investigated and accumulated information regarding this property and that at 4850 State Highway. None has resolved the chain of ownership, determined the date of construction or identified the original owner. The file at the Eastham Historical Society Archives does not include primary source documentation to support sometimes conflicting, vague or confusing information. Final resolution requires the intensive deed, probate and genealogical research beyond the scope of this effort.

Utilizing local maps, secondary sources and local researcher's reports, it appears both properties were long standing holdings of the Horton Family. In a report by local historian Howard Quinn, but noted by the author to be incomplete, the first Horton identified with the property is Cushing Horton (b. 1729; d. 1799) who moved to Brookfield, Massachusetts in 1768 and whose son, Henry Horton, sold the homestead of approximately 30 acres to Isaiah H. Horton (Sr.) in 1860 (Bk. 74 Pg. 523).

Isaiah H. Horton (Sr.) was the son of Barnabas Horton and the grandson of Abigail (Snow) Horton and Cushing Horton (b. 1757; d. 1811). He married Rebecca (Higgins). Captain Isaiah H. Horton (Sr.) was apparently a

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES   X   See continuation sheet.

     Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places;  
If checked, see attached National Register Criteria Statement form.



## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE (continued)

wealthy man. According to Quinn, Horton was assessed in 1861 for 3 houses, 2 barns, a store, a wood house, mill, 25 acres of tillage, 20 acres unimproved land, 11 acres of woodland, 40 acres at Nauset, 6 acres of land at the C. Cole Place; 3 acres of fresh meadow and a cranberry bog. He is also credited with past ownership of several ships. Another unsigned house history in the file indicates in 1874, his estate also included a trotting park.

Isaiah H. Horton (Jr.) was born in Wellfleet in 1832. He inherited different parts of the Horton property from both his parents and apparently purchased additional land on his own to expand the holding. After twenty-five years as a seafarer, he turned to farming and fishing for support. He operated a farm raising asparagus and white turnips, popular market vegetables raised in Eastham around the turn of the century. He is listed in the 1901 Eastham directory as a farmer and town selectman. He married Rachel Witherell and had nine children.

Isaiah H. Horton's son, Lester Horton, sold the farm to Frank King in 1921. King according to one report owned additional property. He sold the property to John Shacklik who subdivided the holding.

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INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

4850 State Highway  
Eastham

Area

Form No. 39

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